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**INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF**

28 January 1976

FOR DCI

*YOU MAY BE INTERESTED  
IN GEN. WILSON'S  
REMARKS ON COVERT  
ACTION— MADE IN  
RESPONSE TO A  
QUESTION AFTER  
HIS SPEECH IN  
ST. LOUIS.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William Nelson  
Mr. Angus Theurmer

1. At the conclusion of a speech to the Wednesday Club of St. Louis, Missouri, on 28 January 1976, where I was substituting for General Walters, I opened the floor to questions. One of the questions, concerning covert action, was particularly tough and provocative. I winged the answer as best I could.

2. Because of the complexity of this subject, however, and the fact that I may have gotten myself out on a limb, I endeavored to recapture the essence of my reply on a piece of paper while flying back to Washington that same afternoon. The answer, as reconstructed, is attached for your information, as well as for your or anyone else's critique.

SIGNED

Samuel V. Wilson  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

Attachment

cc: General Walters

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